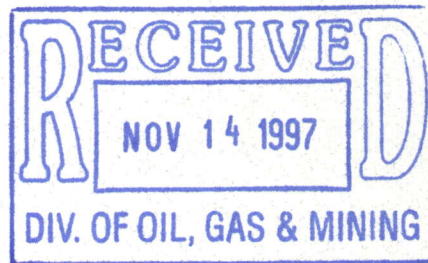


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November 14, 1997

Mr. Tony Gallegos
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple Ste. 1210
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114



Re: Scoping Plan for a Proposed New Tailings Storage Facility by SF Phosphates Ltd. Co.

Dear Tony:

SF Phosphates Limited Company is currently investigating alternatives to provide storage for tailings for the next 40 to 60 years. JBR Environmental Consultants, Inc. has been retained to assist their effort by performing conceptual geotechnical and environmental studies for a proposed location referred to as "B Site". The BLM Vernal Field Office has also been providing information and cooperation to assess this site.

SF Phosphates seeks to involve Federal, State and Local agencies in the early stages of this planning process to help guide them in future decision making processes. Enclosed is one copy of the Scoping Plan which describes the information available to date for a proposed new tailings storage facility (TSF). This document, in conjunction with a planned "Scoping Trip" on November 20, 1997, at 11:00 am at the Vernal Phosphates Operations are intended to provide you the opportunity to analyze and comment on this conceptual plan.

We would appreciate your reviewing this document and attending, along with several other agencies, the Scoping Trip. If you or your staff have any questions, please call Ron Ryan at 781-3348 or me at (801) 943-4144.

Sincerely,

Tim Thompson, P.E.

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cc Ron Ryan, SF Phosphates

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